from the frying pan to the fire, once more,
which fact we did not then realise.

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They divided our number into two halves,
one meant for the eastern district of Port Blair,
where the big Cellular Jail also was situated,
and the other for the Western district, of which
an island known by the name of Viper
Island stood for its head-quarters. Those that
were meant to be placed in the Western district
had to separate from the others and cross over to
Viper, by means of a ferry boat, plied by five
or six convicts employed for the purpose. On
our way we were told to go to the ration stores,
where we were given raw ration for one meal
each, so that when we reached our respective
stations, we might get cooked ones instead.
According to directions received at the jail gate
my station fell on the Western side, so that
our lot embarked on the ferry boat and crossed
over to Viper. It took us more than an hour
to cross, so that by the time we reached the
head-quarters of our district, it was wellnigh.

mid day.

For myself I was given a guide, to, accom-